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TITLE: Copy protection of digital images transmitted over networks

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (13):

As described in detail hereinbelow, controlling or disabling the "Save Image As . . ." menu option is preferably accomplished by additional software used by the web browser through intervention with mouse control functions.

Controlling or disabling the "Print Screen" key on the keyboard is preferably accomplished by additional software used by the web browser through intervention with keyboard control functions. Controlling or disabling copying of displayed image data by other software applications is preferably accomplished within the Windows operating system by intervention ("patching") with the Windows application programming interface (API) functions which copy pixel data from the video buffer of a computer, such as BitBlt, StretchBlt, PlgBlt, GetPixel and GDI32.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (14):

Similarly, controlling or disabling copying of displayed image data by other software applications is preferably accomplished within the Macintosh operating system by using a system extension to intervene with ToolBox functions.

ToolBox calls are managed by an array of pointers in a Trap Dispatch Table, each pointer pointing to appropriate program code. As described in more detail hereinbelow, the system extension can change these pointers so that they point to different program code. The different program code corresponds to patched ToolBox functions.

Claims Text - CLTX (9):

5. The method of claim 1 wherein said requesting access uses a save-as command.

Claims Text - CLTX (23):

15. The system of claim 11 wherein said command processor is invoked by a save-as command.